

SENATE BILL 206

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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- *Judicial Proceedings/Environmental Matters* --

Introduced by **Senators Grosfeld and Britt**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Qualified Hybrid Vehicles - Exemption from Motor Vehicle Emissions Test**  
3 **and Inspection Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting certain qualified hybrid vehicles from certain motor  
5 vehicle emissions test and inspection requirements under a certain  
6 circumstance; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt certain  
7 regulations; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a  
8 certain exemption from certain motor vehicle emissions test and inspection  
9 requirements for certain qualified hybrid vehicles under a certain circumstance.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article - Transportation  
12 Section 13-815(a)(1) and (6)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2002 Replacement Volume)

15 BY adding to

1 Article - Transportation  
2 Section 23-206.3  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2002 Replacement Volume)

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
6 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

7 **Article - Transportation**

8 13-815.

9 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

10 (6) "Qualified hybrid vehicle" means an automobile that:

11 (i) Meets all applicable regulatory requirements;

12 (ii) Meets the current vehicle exhaust standard set under the  
13 National Low-Emission Vehicle Program for gasoline-powered passenger cars; and

14 (iii) Can draw propulsion energy from both of the following  
15 on-board sources of stored energy:

16 1. Gasoline or diesel fuel; and

17 2. A rechargeable energy storage system.

18 23-206.3.

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "QUALIFIED HYBRID VEHICLE" HAS THE MEANING  
20 STATED IN § 13-815(A)(6) OF THIS ARTICLE.

21 (B) A QUALIFIED HYBRID VEHICLE IS EXEMPT FROM THE MANDATORY TESTS  
22 AND INSPECTIONS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE IF THE VEHICLE OBTAINS A RATING  
23 FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF AT LEAST 50 MILES PER  
24 GALLON DURING CITY FUEL ECONOMY TESTS.

25 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO  
26 IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~four~~ 3 years and, at the end of  
29 September 30, ~~2007~~ 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
30 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

